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Environment and Natural Resources Committee DRAFT Minutes

February 6, 2013 —9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Jack Darin – Illinois Sierra Club, Mike Prusila – Lake County SMC,

Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg, Anne McKibben – CNT Energy, Mike Sullivan – Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Sean Weidel – Chicago Department of Transportation, Marty Jaffe – University of Illinois at Chicago, Deborah Stone – Cook County Department of Environmental Control, Wally Van Buren – Illinois

Association of Wastewater Agencies

Staff Present: Jesse Elam, Kristin Ihnchak, Jake Seid, Matt Maloney

Others Present: None

1.0 Call to Order

Jack called the meeting to order at 9:40 and a round of introductions followed.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Jesse announced that two new CMAP publications were available, one on full-cost pricing for water utilities and another on stormwater utilities for local governments.

3.0 Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2013

The minutes were approved with no changes.

4.0 Coordinating Committees Update

Mike Sullivan reported on the Regional Coordinating Committee meeting in January, which focused on performance-based funding and legislative activity. Local Coordinating Committee would not meet until February.

5.0 Update on Environment-Related LTA Projects

Kristin reported on two Local Technical Assistance projects she had been working on, both of which were largely complete: the Niles Environmental Action Plan and a chapter on sustainability to be added to the Lake County Regional Framework Plan. She referred to a PowerPoint presentation. A member asked about energy efficiency in the Niles plan, noting that there were many utility programs that could be plugged into. Another noted that a set-aside exists in the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard that communities could access but that is under-subscribed. Other members had questions about participation in Clean Air Counts and in the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus electricity opt-in program.

6.0 Committee Charge

Jesse introduced the agenda item by saying that, at the last meeting, the committee had reviewed and revised a new committee charge that was meant to reflect actual practice at the committee. After some discussion and small additional edits, a motion to adopt the revised charge was approved.

7.0 Regional Green Infrastructure Policy Recommendations

Jesse noted that the committee had previously seen an overview of the policy recommendations for implementing the Chicago Wilderness Green Infrastructure Vision in June and in October 2012. A draft was available for review. On the discussion of mitigating for disturbance, it was suggested that a higher offset ratio be used for wetland impacts within the green infrastructure network. Another member suggested giving the RTA a heads-up on the recommendations. It was discussed that public lands should possibly not be used for mitigation efforts, although it was also noted that transportation projects would be using public money. It was also mentioned that not impacting the green infrastructure could be a condition of receiving funding from TIFs. It was suggested that the green infrastructure network could be added to EcoCat, the online state system for identifying potential ecological impacts. A member questioned whether reviewing Facility Planning Area amendments against the green infrastructure network would have any real effect.

8.0 Legislative Agenda

The state legislative agenda was passed out and briefly discussed.

9.0 Other Business

None.

10.0 Public comment

None.

10.0 Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for April 3, 2013. Other meeting topics for future meetings considered were an update on the Millennium Reserve and Coastal Management Program, the Energy Efficiency Illinois program, Chicago bike sharing, and Sustainable Urban Design Guidelines.

11.0 Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Elam, CMAP staff liaison